

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

VIVIAN C. MASON ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

The Vivian C. Mason Arts and Technology Center is open for business! The renovation of our new arts and technology center is complete and the Grand Reopening ushered in the Youth Summer Enrichment Program with an array of classes in visual arts, drama, computers and recreational activities. Our fall programming will offer clay sculpture and wheel-throwing in our pottery studio, photography courses that utilize our new state-of-the-art darkroom facility, a variety of fine arts classes, computer technology, drama, music and multicultural studies. Classes will be scheduled for day and evening hours and be offered to both youths and adults. Call us at 441-1035 for information on specific schedules.

ADOPT-A-CENTER

The Adopt-A-Center program allows area organizations such as businesses, military units and service groups to join in partnership with a recreation facility. By giving just a minimum of three hours a month for a year, adopters can help enrich leisure experiences, expand programming, improve the self-esteem of youth participants, provide realistic role models, decrease at-risk youth behaviors, and foster the practice of community service and good citizenship.

Adoption opportunities are as diverse as Norfolk's recreation operations. There are 20 general recreation centers, two senior centers, a therapeutic recreation center devoted to persons with disabilities, and specialty centers in art, dance, music, aquatics, outdoor recreation and athletics.

The adopting organization will quickly recognize its ability to make a strong and lasting impact on a child's future. For more information about Adopt-A-Center and other ways your organization can "Help Dreams Grow," call 441-2400.

CITY OF NORFOLK PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

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Citizens can reach members of the advisory commission by calling the Department of Neighborhood and Leisure Services at 441-2400. Citizens may also reach members through Deborah Morton, assistant director of the department.

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We are the Department of Neighborhood and Leisure Services and we are here for your service. Our role is to discover ways to better serve you, our citizens, our customers. Without you, this department would have no customers, so it is critical that we continue to strive to understand your service needs, your hopes, your goals and your aspirations. We must ask ourselves what kind of community we want to have—deserve to have. I believe the citizens of Norfolk deserve a community that represents excellence. You deserve leisure services second to none. You deserve leadership that is on the cutting edge of change and serves as a catalyst to help move this community forward, continuing to improve the overall quality of life. This department and its staff remain fully committed to leading our community to excellence.

We have taken on this leadership role by employing committed, dedicated individuals who share common values—integrity, respect, dignity, excellence and teamwork. Our team is dedicated to providing you outstanding services and working to build a strong community.

But to achieve excellence we must work together, in partnership with our citizens, to foster and sustain such values as enhancing personal growth, maintaining healthy, stable neighborhoods, embracing cultural diversity and pursuing enriching activities that improve the quality of our lives.

Good Times is a tool to help you bridge the gap to the next level, through courses that will broaden your knowledge and teach skills you will carry with you through life. The programs offer something for everyone, so take a look and then take a step toward improving the quality of your life by enrolling in one or more of our courses—then see how good it feels to grow as individuals and as a community.

As always, we want to hear your ideas as we strive to improve our services and meet your needs. We understand superior customer service is key to achieving excellence in this community, so please let us know how we are doing. You may contact any member of our team by calling 441-2400 to schedule a time to talk about your thoughts and ideas for improving our service delivery.

Finally, feel free to contact me, personally, at 441-2603 for additional information and/or assistance with your leisure service needs.

Thank you for your continued support!

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